

SENATE RESOLUTION 31

By Bowling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lieutenant Commander Alan Patterson of Tullahoma.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Lieutenant Commander Alan Patterson of Tullahoma; and

WHEREAS, Alan Patterson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Cmdr. Patterson served with valor and distinction in the United States Navy, having graduated from the Naval Academy; and

WHEREAS, he was one of three people killed in a training flight near Spokane, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the aircraft, an E/A-6B Prowler, belonged to Electronic Attack Squadron 129, the Vikings. VAQ-129 is a fleet replacement squadron that trains pilots, naval flight officers, and maintainers; and

WHEREAS, the program involves training freshly winged pilots straight from flight school and those who have been out of the cockpit for an extended period of time, or ones who are learning to fly an entirely new type of aircraft; and

WHEREAS, his military service aside, Lt. Cmdr. Patterson was also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving parents, Dr. Phillip Patterson and Dr. Teresa Patterson, and his loving wife and two small children; and

WHEREAS, Alan Patterson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Lieutenant Commander Alan Patterson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Lt. Cmdr. Patterson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.